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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED EXAMINING GROUP 1637**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 7414.0022-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
I. Lawrence GREENFIELD) Group Art Unit: 1637
Application No.: 09/724,613) Examiner: J. Riley
Filed: November 28, 2000	<i>)</i>) Mail Stop AF \
For: COMPOSITIONS, METHODS, AND KITS FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC ACIDS USING SURFACTANTS AND PROTEASES))))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Applicant now responds to the Final Office Action mailed April 15, 2004.

Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendments section of this paper.